

BY PROF. GEO. H. STONE.

Is there, then, any such thing as a Christian system of natural science? No; God gave to man certain powers of mind and left him to find out for himself the facts

BY REV. D. C. KNOWLES.

on this very question, and the Commission has never failed to endorse more heartily the return of ministers under very peculiar and providential circumstances, even though it had to be effected by a questionable evasion of statutes of law. Now what has been done so legally and smoothly, can be done again where the reasons are equally apparent. Furthermore, this plan requires the godly judgment of the bishop to whom I am in such request; for it says, "may" appoint those additional workers. Such a consensus of mind and intention would not go far astray, and would meet a necessity so unquestionable that it makes the church exceedingly restive.

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The case of Ezra Tinker, laid over yesterday, was taken up, and he was continued to trial.

The secretary presented a letter in which James Payne, who had been in prison in the South simply because he was a man of color. A committee was appointed to express the opinion of the Conference in regard to the outrage.

The report of the trustees of the Conference Seminary was read by the secretary. A year has been very successful. Every year a student and a number of young men have been converted. During one of the terms of the year, a number of students were elected to the committee on Education.

The annual report of the Boston University was read and referred. Dr. Latimer, Dean of the School of Theology, addressed the Conference in the interest of the University.

ference. The grand music of the old authors under the efficient leadership of Professor Hastings, with a large number of singers was very fine. About three thousand people were present at one time. The excellent addresses of the missionary meeting appropriately closed the day.

MONDAY.

At 8.30 o'clock Rev. G. M. Hamlen led the devotional exercises, which were followed by a prayer-meeting until 10.30.

The morning conference of a few minutes past 10. Dr. Coggeshall presented a resolution suggesting the priority of spending a few hours in consulting in reference to work committed to us, at the close of the regular business of the Conference, as this is the 42nd year of our history. The Doctor followed the resolution by remarks historic, financial

Hammond presented a resolution requesting the Bishops not to transfer men to the Conference who use tobacco.

On the 22d of March the session was resumed. D. J. Griffin, a supernumerary, was continued the same relation. A. L. Dearing was made effective. E. H. Hatfield was made supernumerary, with work. The relation of P. Hawks was changed from effective to supernannuated.

The 23d Session was taken up. Henry M. Smith, John Butts, Howard E. Cook, S. F. Harriman, N. W. Jordan and W. F. Davis, having been recommended and examined, were admitted on trial.

H. W. Conant was recommended for appointment as secretary of the R. I. Temperance Union. S. C. Brown was made agent of the Church Extension and Preachers' Aid Society. It was requested of the Bishop to

Waver, F. A. Crafts. East Falmouth, supplied by
W. A. May. North Falmouth, supplied by
P. Fowler. East Harwich, supplied by
Whitney. Fairhaven, G. E. Fuller. Fall
River, First Church, W. A. Luce; St. Paul's,
J. H. May. Falmouth, supplied by
H. Heath; North Church, A. J. Church; Quarry
Street, J. H. Nutting; North Main Street,
J. H. Nutting. Falmouth, supplied by
L. to be supplied. Long Plain, supplied by L.
R. Money. Marion, supplied by A. C. Peck.
Marion, supplied by L. and Fort, to be supplied.
Middleboro, G. H. Hunt. North Falmouth,
C. N. Hinckley. Myricksville, supplied by
C. T. Hatel. Nantucket, M. Ransom. North
Falmouth, supplied by L. and Fort, to be supplied.
by L. B. Washburn. Orleans, W. A.
Davis. Osterville and Centerville, G. A.
W. A. Davis. Provincetown, G. A.
J. Yates. Provincetown—Centre Church.
W. A. Seavey. Centenary, J. H. Allen.
North Falmouth, supplied by L. and Fort, to be supplied.
G. S. H. Day. St. Adams. South Abington,
supplied by L. and Fort, to be supplied.
Smith. South Dartmouth and East Fair-
haven, F. Upham. South Harwich, supplied

others, r6mo. In this way, various forms now open to women are discussed in a very practical manner, with many excellent suggestions. The boarding-house, the needle, literature of various forms, gardening, bees and poultry, etc., are among the money-making devices particularly and suggestively discussed. The young women will find many valuable suggestions in the book, which they can turn to a good purpose.

FROM the same house we have *Practical Art: A Story of Aesthetic Home Decoration*, by Lucy C. Lillie, illustrated by George W. Manier. This pretty little book is a pleasant and practical guide to the rise and development of modern aesthetic society in London. It is well painted and makes an interesting and not unattractive story.

Robert Carter & Brothers issue, in 1917.

We are sorry Rev. Rufus Weniger of the Revere New Testament appears at so late a date, and after somewhat pronounced reaction has manifested itself against the work of the translators. The scholarly and laborious efforts will be the more appreciated which attended the first editions of the new version, but it will now, and permanently, commend itself to Bible students. The work has been brought out in a more agreeable and accurate form. It is so edited as to show every change that has been made, and conspicuous form, and also gives a full foot on the page authorizing the use of the version of exegesis. The edition which we have examined is printed upon a royal octavo paper, in a beautiful, clear, pica type. The volume is one of 600 pages. It is the most valuable of the many that have been issued. It is sold only by subscription at \$2.50. Whatever may be the fortune of the new revision, the authorized New Testament, its value as an exact rendering of the Greek text will never be destroyed, and it will always find a ready sale on table or book-shelf of the Bible student.

STANDING IN OTHERS' SHOES by Marion

West. Boston: Howard Gannett. In a plain, simply-related and natural story, the various inconsistencies of professed Christian disciples are set forth, and the injury occasioned by wrong acts—yielding to temptation, worldliness, vicious associates, injurious amusements—is vividly portrayed. The volume will be an excellent addition to the Sunday-school library.

A. EPHRAIM LIND: Experiences and

Missionary Labors of Stephen Faxon, assisted by his daughter, Philadelphia: The American Sunday-school Union. We well remember meeting Mr. Faxon at the meeting of the Board of Christian Missions, some twenty years ago. He was then fresh in his successful career as a Western Sunday-school missionary. His piety, his high character, his wit, his eloquence, held with wonderful interest his audiences. When he was converted a Methodist service, as he had nothing to boast but the love of God, he began six feet in his stockings. And he effectively gave himself to the Master of the work. The present Life gives a sketch of his early history and his self-sacrificing and successful labors. It is pleasantly introduced by Dr. D. L. Goodell, of St. Louis, and is illustrated with a fine portrait of the author, and a picture of Mr. Adams, at several wood-cuts. It makes a very interesting and profitable volume. Free.

\$1.25.

MONEY MAKING FOR LADIES. By Mrs. Rodman Church. New York: Harper & Brothers, 1910. In this little manual the various forms of industry now open to women are discussed in a very practical manner, with many helpful suggestions. The book discusses, in the order of their literary arrangement, various forms of teaching, painting, commission buying, gardening, bees and poultry, etc., and among the money-making devices also mentioned are suggestions for the use of the pen and suggestively discuss the various ways in which a woman can make use of her many valuable talents. The book is full of practical thoughts in the book which they can turn to a good purpose.

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On motion of Rev. S. P. Upham, it was
voted that when we adjourn, it be to meet at
2.30, for memorial services.
The minutes were read, and Conference ad-
journed at 12.30.

In the afternoon, at 2.30, services were held
in memory of Revs. John N. J. S. Day
and C. E. Seaver. Dr. Wm. Butler presided
in an exceedingly appropriate manner. The
devotional exercises were conducted by Rev.
Geo. Whitaker.
After singing, Dr. Sherman read a memo-
rial of Rev. John Noon, giving a very ac-
curate characterization of this minister, so
well-known and highly respected. He de-
clared that his mind was "a block of pure
intelligence," and that he had occupied a chair
of theology or philosophy, his fame would
have spread over two continents. After a
hymn, Dr. Sherman read an equally appro-
priate memorial of Rev. John Steel Day.
The life of this worthy minister was briefly
outlined, and himself fully characterized.
The singing of another hymn was followed
by a memorial, from E. A. Titus, of C. E.
Seaver. He spoke especially of his joyous
Christian character. Fitting reference was
made to the death of the deceased. After
J. C. Smith, J. S. Barrow, W. E. Dwight
and W. Wilkie spoke in warm terms of one
or another of the deceased brethren. The
meeting adjourned at 3.50.

At 4 p. m., the anniversary of the Church
Extension Society occurred. Dr. J. H.
Twombly presided, and E. S. Best conducted
the devotional exercises. Chaplain McCabe
conducted the singing at this meeting, as in
the service preceding. It may be enough
to characterize of his eloquent address, to
say that it touched the pocket nerve of the
brethren, and also some of the lively respon-
ded most readily to his appeal for subscrip-
tions. Many of the preachers pledged them-
selves to raise or give at least \$10 per year for
ten years. The brethren expressed desire
that the Chaplain should have another oppor-
tunity to address them.

In the evening, Dr. Dorchester preached
the conference sermon in the Edwards
Church—an able effort.
FRIDAY.
The session opened at 8.30 A. M. The first
half hour was spent in devotional exercises,
under the lead of Rev. N. F. Rogers; and at 9
p. m. Dr. Merrill called for the reading of the
minutes of yesterday's conference session.
These were read and approved.
The secretary read a communication from
the Freedmen's Aid Society, which was re-
ferred to the appropriate committee.
Took up the 19th Question: "The names
of the following were called; they severally
passed in examination of character, and
were continued in the list of supernumeraries:
N. S. Spalding, T. G. Brown, H. C. Dunham,
W. A. Clapp, J. C. Ingalls, M. Dwight, N.
D. George, F. Misk, M. P. Webster, K. At-
kinson, J. N. Fisk, E. Scott, H. P. Hall, D.
K. Bannister, W. F. Lacount, H. S. Booth,
Fales Newhall, T. Marcy, W. Smith, J. H.
Essey, R. Mitchell, J. W. Merrill, J. W.
Lewis, G. Howe, N. A. Soule, J. W. Col-
lins, J. W. Mowry, G. E. Chapman, J. Has-
call, J. M. Clark, N. Bonin.
Some of the supernumerary preachers spoke
of their past labors and present condition, tes-
tifying to their love for the brethren and the
work. Letters were read from some of the
brethren, and also disciplinary certificates
with reference to brethren living without the
bounds of the Conference. After Bro. Jeff-
erson Hascall addressed the Conference, the
brethren voluntarily began his well-known
hymn, "My latest sin is sinking fast."
The report of the treasurer of the Preach-
ers' Aid Society was introduced and re-
ferred to the committee on Preachers' Aid.
A resolution congratulating Dr. F. Newhall
on his improvement in health was offered,
and gladly adopted.
A circular from Wesleyan University was
read, setting forth an exceedingly flourishing
condition of the institution. Special refer-

ence was made to the gifts of George I. Seney,
amounting during the past year to more
than \$250,000, including \$100,000 for the es-
tablishment of competitive scholarships.
Resolutions were adopted with reference
to the establishment of a Methodist Orphan-
age, resolving that our members be shown
the propriety of contributing to such an in-
stitution, and authorizing the trustees of the
Conference to take charge of any funds that
may be raised for the proposed object.
A collection of \$15 was reported as having
been taken for Bro. George Howe.
A report was read from the American del-
egates to the Ecumenical Conference, recom-
mending the holding of a commemorative Con-
ference of all Methodist bodies in America,
in 1884. The Conference voted to endorse
the movement, and ordered a committee of
three to nominate a ministerial and lay dele-
gate to co-operate with similar delegations
in arranging for such a Conference.
Dr. J. C. Hartzell, secretary of the Free-
men's Aid Society, represented his cause:
Nearly one-fourth of our membership is on
former slave territory, where we are fighting
again the battles you fought years ago on this
soil. Our church property in the South has
increased \$10,000,000 in the past fifteen
years. Educational work there is greatly
needed. The only hope, educationally, of
almost the entire South, is the Freedmen's
Aid Society. Among the colored people
alone we have twenty-one institutions of
learning, over ninety teachers, and scholars
have gone out and taught 500,000 people.
Among the whites we have seventeen
seminaries and colleges, almost all established
since the war, with very little aid from the
North. Our people in the South are very
poor; but there never was a greater opening
than our church now has among the whites
of the South. Among the colored people
there is no work. At the last session of the
Louisiana Conference, we took in twenty-five
young men, mostly from our Freedmen's Aid
schools. They are needed. Twenty-three
new appointments were filled in that
Conference, at its last session. God is won-
derfully changing public sentiment in the
South; but it is the result, largely, of the
work of our church and like institutions in
the South. Exceedingly interesting instances
of this fact were given. A splendid spirit of
self-helpfulness is developing among them.
In the Conference lately held in Austin and
Marshall, Texas, the preachers raised \$3,000
and \$4,000 respectively for our new school
started in their vicinity. In the Louisiana
Conference, most of whose members had been
slaveholders, the members gave, for a Gilbert
Haven theological school, \$5,800—some
members \$500 and \$1,000 each. Dr. H. submitted
a practical proposition—that the preachers
present promise to raise at least \$10 each
next year for the Freedmen's Aid Society.
To this request there were one hundred re-
sponses.
At this point it was announced that the
wife of Bro. S. C. Carey died yesterday.
The agent of the Massachusetts Bible So-
ciety set forth their work.
Took up the 10th Question: "What local
preachers have been ordained elders?" The
following brethren were recommended: Mat-
thew D. Still (from Sudbury), S. W. Tron-
dale (from Newton Lower Falls), Gervase A.
Viets (from Newark district conf., Newark
Conference), and Richard K. Manaton (from
Orange). These brethren were elected local
deacons.
J. C. Smith moved that, inasmuch as Rev.
John Noon had made a special study of the
life of Wesley, a committee be appointed to
examine his papers and see whether he has
left documents which should be published.
This committee was ordered.
The 16th Question was called: "What
local deacons have been elected elders?" No
names were presented.
A motion was introduced, requesting the
Bishop, if he saw fit, to reappoint one at least
of the present presiding elders. A motion to
lay this on the table was lost. C. D. Hills
moved as a substitute that we have no ob-
jection to the Bishop's reappointing one or
more of the present presiding elders. Be-
fore this was put, C. D. Hills accepted a
substitute by D. Dorchester:
Resolved, that in the judgment of the Con-
ference, if a man has served four
years as presiding elder, should be no bar to
his reappointment.
This was carried.
Dr. Crowell introduced a resolution ex-
pressive of the sympathy of the Conference
with Bro. Seth C. Carey, the death of whose
wife had just been announced.
The minutes were read and approved, and
Conference adjourned at 12.30, the doxology
having been sung, and the benediction pro-
nounced by Dr. J. C. Hartzell.
[Concluded next week.]

The Churches.
MASSACHUSETTS.
NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.
Boston, Meridian Street.—April 10, a
love-feast and supper were held in the
vestry. One hundred and fifty persons
were present. After supper about
seventy testified to the power of re-
deeming grace.
Auburndale.—Seven hundred dollars
have been paid for improvements dur-
ing the past year, in addition to cur-
rent expenses. Some fifty have joined
the church—forty in full connection.
Chelsea, Walnut Street.—Rev. W. F.
Mallison, D. W., was recently made the
recipient of a gold watch from the peo-
ple, who part with him with many re-
grets.
West Somerville.—A building com-
mittee has been appointed, who will soon
erect a much-needed house of wor-
ship.
Ballardvale.—Through the great lib-
erality of Mr. J. W. Bradley, the church
edifice is undergoing a thorough renovat-
ing. New vestries, furnaces, fresco,
pulpit, and generous fittings are done
by himself, and his generous payment of
all bills, and good taste, will long be re-
membered.
Riverdale.—The entire debt on this
church has been paid by the skillful ef-
forts of Rev. I. A. Mesler.
Salem, Lafayette Street.—Mr. James
F. Almy offers \$5,000 towards the re-
moval of all debts. There is a fine pros-
pect that his offer will be accepted.
Beery and North Andover.—Four
hundred dollars from each of the debts
on these churches have been paid during
the year.
Bay View.—This year closes very
prosperously. Finances are compara-
tively easy, as all bills are paid. April
10, the good people, after a very pleas-
ant surprise visit at the parsonage, left
many valuable gifts and some money.
The revival spirit still prevails.
Fitchburg.—A valuable lot has been
secured for a new church.

West Fitchburg.—Several gentlemen
outside of the church have pledged
\$2,000 towards a new edifice.
Westboro.—A very prosperous year
has just closed.
Worcester, Grace Church.—The pas-
tor, Rev. J. W. Johnston, and wife,
were presented at a farewell gathering
with \$400 in money and other valuable
gifts.
Coral Street.—Of the church debt,
\$14,000 has been paid off by the lib-
erality of the brethren.
Springfield, State Street.—At the far-
well gathering the pastor, Rev. W.
T. Perrin, was presented with an elegant
\$130 gold watch, and his wife received
\$52 in gold.
Northampton.—The retiring and in-
defatigable pastor, Rev. W. E. Knox,
was presented recently with a beautiful
gold watch.
Ware.—The trustees have purchased
a strip of land ten feet in width for \$300.
Mrs. A. P. Clark has rendered efficient
revival help in the charge.
Southwick.—A lot has been purchased
for a parsonage, to be built the coming
season.
Greenfield.—Subscriptions are being
made for much-needed and thorough
improvements in the church edifice.
Shelburne Falls.—The balance of the
debt is paid. The W. F. M. Society is
here a live institution. Their recent
fair netted \$44. The church has been
painted and paluted, and now presents
a very neat appearance.

Hyde Park.—April 11, a farewell
meeting was held in the vestry, which
was crowded. Speeches were made by
the village pastors. A fine wallet con-
taining \$100 was presented Rev. W. N.
Richardson in addition to other gifts
but recently bestowed. W.
Feeding Hills.—Rev. Ephraim Scott
is one of the oldest of our supernumerary
preachers, and in his day was one of the
most successful in winning souls to
Christ. He and his brother, Orange
Scott, were among the pioneers of the
anti-slavery movement in New England;
and revivals of religion attended him
in most of his appointments. For several
years he has been laid aside from the
active work of the ministry, but he has
never forgotten his first love, and there
is not a man among us more interested
in the progress of Methodism and all
that affects it than he. April 5 he and
his aged companion had been married
fifty years, and his neighbors and friends
determined to honor the occasion by
celebrating their golden wedding. In
the afternoon of that day the aged
couple held a public reception in the
Town Hall amid surroundings of the
dearest interest. The hall was filled.
The meeting was called to order by the
pastor, Rev. S. L. Rodgers, who, after
devotional exercises led by Rev. A.
W. Field of the Congregational church,
delivered an address of a historic and con-
gratulatory character, and concluded by
presenting Father Scott with one hun-
dred dollars in gold, which had been
contributed by ministerial brethren,
spiritual children, and the kind friends
of the neighborhood. The reply of the
aged brother was full of feeling and
reminiscence, and was highly creditable
to his head and heart. During the pro-
ceedings Rev. N. J. Merrill put in an
appearance, and added not a little to the
pleasure of the hour. Other speeches
were made, a bountiful repast was en-
joyed by the large company, and letters
were read from those who were unable
to be present. S. L. R.

West Springfield.—Rev. L. W. Staples
has closed a very successful three years'
pastorate with this church. During his
pastorate he has baptized 46, and re-
ceived into the church from probation
and by letter 74. The church now num-
bers 113 members in full, besides 26 pro-
bationers. The financial and spiritual
interests of the church have been grow-
ing from the first, and were never in so
good a condition as now.

Haverhill, Grace Church.—The first
Sunday in April was a day of unusual
interest. Twenty-seven were received
on probation and two by letter. A very
large number of communicants were at
the Lord's Supper. Souls are still com-
ing to Christ.

ZION'S HERALD, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1882.

East Corinth.—Bro. Page has been
proving his apostolic succession by ear-
nest assaults upon the realm of dark-
ness here and by his success in the at-
tack. Quite a number have been saved,
some of them children of the church by
family surroundings and full of prom-
ise for the future.

Monticello.—Bro. Kilgore has been
at work here, and one neighborhood has
been strongly moved. Some have been
added to the church, and others have
come into the class on probation.

The usual amount of hard work has
been done by the brethren this winter,
but there has not been the usual suc-
cess. Souls have been saved all over
the work, but no sweeping revivals
have resulted. The reason we cannot
plainly read just now. W. W. M.

CONNOBOUT.
Danielsonville.—At a meeting of the
official board of the Danielsonville M. E.
Church, March 28, a series of very
appreciative and complimentary resolu-
tions were unanimously adopted in re-
gard to the two years' effective pastoral
labor of Rev. Robert Clark, which has
resulted in the payment of the entire
debt on the church edifice.

RHODE ISLAND.
East Greenwich.—"Praise God from
whom all blessings flow!" Well may the
friends of education and of the Green-
wich Seminary rejoice at the present
condition of this ancient seat of learning.
For a long time it has been burdened
with a load of debt. A long-continued
and earnest effort to raise the funds to
pay off the debt has been crowned with
complete success. The whole sum—
\$57,000—has been pledged, and is now
due and collectable. Let all the sub-
scribers to the fund be prompt in their
payments and the school will start out
on a new career of prosperity and use-
fulness. We sincerely congratulate the
friends of the New England Southern
Conference on the great victory they
have achieved. Now let them stand by
the school and crowd its halls with pu-
pils, and every Methodist in New En-
gland will rejoice with them. W. F. M.

Rev. A. J. Church writes: "Owing to
the continued illness of my wife, I shall
still reside in Providence, where cor-
respondents will address me. I shall
supply the North Church in Fall River,
Sabbaths."

The fourth quarterly conference of
Washington and Hope unanimously
requested the return of Rev. G. M.
Hamlen next year.

Rev. A. Anderson, pastor of the Meth-
odist church, Woonsocket, was "sur-
prised" by a party of eighty-five per-
sons, March 29. An album bed quilt,
provisions, and money were substantial
results of the visit.

The house of Rev. W. B. Yeocum,
of the A Street African M. E. Church,
Providence, was invaded by members
of his society, Thursday evening, March
23. They brought abundant good-will
and a bountiful donation of the neces-
saries of life, with \$16.20 cash. The
New England Conference of this denomi-
nation meets in Bro. Yeocum's church
in May.

Rev. W. J. Yates, pastor of the Meth-
odist church, East Greenwich, has been
quite successfully engaged in prosecut-
ing liquor-sellers in that town. Thurs-
day evening, March 23, two large stone
were thrown through the parsonage
windows. It is supposed they were ar-
guments on the side of the law-breakers.
But they will be lost on Bro. Y. Some
years since a bullet was shot at Richard
Livesey in the same house on account
of his earnestness in the temperance
work.

The Mathewson Street Church has
made the Cranston Street church a do-
nation of 150 Sunday-school books.
This is a very acceptable gift for this
church in the beginning of their labors
as a new church.

In Centerville the Methodist church,
under the lead of the pastor, Rev. E. L.
Hyde, has been thoroughly remodeled
in the main audience-room and in the
vestry. A church parlor and all the
conveniences for church social work are
included in the change. The old square
pews have been cut down, and scroll
arms put on. The choir is placed at
the right of the pulpit. The walls and
ceiling are to be decorated. The whole
cost will be about \$800, nearly all of
which is provided for. One of the im-
portant improvements is a system of
ventilation, which works satisfactorily.

Saturday evening, March 25, the "Will-
ing Workers" in this church surprised
Bro. Hyde and his family, bringing all
the "fixins" for a lunch, with presents
for the surprised, among which were
\$30 for the pastor.

Rev. Jesse Wagner, of the N. E. Con-
ference, who has supplied the pulpit of
the Mathewson Street Church for four
months past, has become greatly en-
deared to the people. His preaching
has been able and spiritual, as a pastor
he has been faithful, and for the short
time he has been with the church he has
been a wonderfully accurate knowledge
of the condition of the members. His in-
tercourse with officials of the church has
been uniformly pleasant. As he re-
turns to his Conference he will carry
with him the respect of his brethren in
the ministry who have made his ac-
quaintance, and their best wishes, as
well as of the congregation to which he
has ministered, for his highest success
in the future.

Rev. G. W. Ballou, who has been pas-
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Money Letters from April 7 to 14.

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James W. Davis, M. C. Frohock, C. W. Gillingham,

Rosamond S. Gaze, Charles Hayward, Mary E.

Holmes, C. H. Harnanoff, John W. Merrill, F. G.

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Marriages.

In this city, Feb. 8, by Rev. L. B. Bates, John M.

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The Family.

CHRIST'S WAY OF BLESSING.

Oh! not in strange portentous way
Christ's miracles were wrought of old,
The common thing, the common clay
He touched and blessed, and straightway
It grew to glory manifold.

The barley loaves were daily bread
Kneaded and mixed with usual skill;
No care was given, no spell was said,
But when the Lord had blessed, they fed
The multitude upon the hill.

The hemp was sown 'neath common sun,
Watered by common dews and rain,
Of which the fishers' nets were spun;
Nothing was prophesied or done
To mark it from the other grain.

Coarse, brawny hands let down the net
When the Lord spoke and ordered so;
They hauled the meshes, heavy-set,
Just as in other days, and set
Their backs to labor, bending low;

But quivering, leaping from the lake
The marvelous shining burdens rose
Until the laden meshes broke,
And all amazed, no man spoke,
But gazed with wonder in His eyes.

So still, dear Lord, in every place
Thou standest by the toiling folk
With love and pity in Thy face,
And givest of Thy help and grace
To those who meekly bear the yoke.

Not by strange sudden change and spell,
Baffling and darkening nature's face;
Thou takest the things we know so well
And buildest on them things we prize,
The heavenly on the common-place.

The lives which seem so poor, so low,
The hearts which are so cramped and dull,
The baffled hopes, the impulse slow,
Thou takest, touchest all, and lo!
They blossom to the beautiful.

We need not wait for thunder-peal
Resounding from a mount of fire,
While round our daily paths we feel
Thy sweet love and Thy power to heal
Working in us Thy full desire.

— SUSAN COULIDGE, in *Christian Union*.

BAD BOOKS AND SUNDAY-SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

BY REV. D. WISE, D. D.

When the sons of the prophets in
the days of Elisha were about to eat
the pottage which had been prepared
for their homely meal one day, they
were startled by voices crying, "O
man of God! there is death in the
pot." The presence of an unwhole-
some, perhaps poisonous, vine, mixed
by mistake with other herbs, had
tasted the unsavory mess. It required
a miracle to neutralize the poison in
that mess of pottage.

Reasoning from the testimony of
many competent witnesses, we are of
the opinion that there are few Sun-
day-school libraries in the land which
would not prompt an intelligent
Christian investigator to exclaim,
"O Church of God, there is death in
this Sunday-school library!"

Publishers and dealers in juvenile
books have learned by experience in
their trade that librarians and pur-
chasing committees very generally
decline to purchase truthful and use-
ful books. Many reject even books
of fiction if written with serious aims.
"We want interesting books," they
say; "our scholars will not read any
others." By "interesting," these
mistaken Sunday-school people mean
sensational books—books of which
that thoughtful educator, Horace
Mann, said, "Amusement is the ob-
ject—mere amusement, as contra-
distinguished from instruction in the
practical concerns of life; as contra-
distinguished from those intellectual
and moral impulses which turn the
mind, both while reading and after
the book is closed, to observation and
comparison and reflection upon the
great realities of existence."

Having amusement as their chief
aim, these purveyors for the mental
food of children and young people
placed in our Sunday-schools princi-
pally for the culture of their spiritual
natures, not only reject useful, val-
uable, and qualified fiction, attractive
histories, and really delightful bio-
graphies, but they select books many
of which are positively injurious to
the minds, morals, and hearts of our
youth—books full of exciting impos-
sibilities, of adventures which could
not happen, of pictures of wild wick-
edness, and sometimes of unchristian
sentiments and slang phrases border-
ing on profanity. The character of
some volumes found in some libraries
is shocking to cultivated and Chris-
tian tastes, reminding one of Shake-
speare's exclamations: "Was ever
book containing such vile matter so
fairly bound? O that deceit should
dwell in such a gorgeous palace!"
and tempting one to paraphrase this
exclamation, and write, "Was it
ever dreamed that such base matter
would be put into a Sunday-school
library? O that such vile trash
should dwell in a library originally
consecrated to pure morality and to
the honor of Christ!"

Charles Lamb says that there are
"books which are no books." That
is, they possess no value, intellectual
or moral. Such are the books we
condemn. Milton observes that "a
good book is the precious life-blood
of a master spirit embalmed and
treasured up on purpose to a life be-
yond life." And no book which does
not exalt its writer's purpose to
promote the moral and spiritual life
in a child or youth should be found
in any Sunday-school library.

Is it not high time to call a halt,

to send out a bugle-cry of alarm on
this Sunday-school library question?
Is it not high time to insist that pur-
chasers of books for our children and
youth shall no longer aim supremely
to find books which merely please.
Crabbe has well said, even of books
for adults, that

"Books cannot always please, however good;
Minds are not ever craving for their food."

In point of fact, there is no surer way
to curse children than for teachers or
parents to make their mere pleasure
a rule of action. There is too much
selfishness, too strong a tendency to
self-pleasing in them, to make it safe
to give them what pleases them with-
out regard to the moral quality of the
gift. To say that they will only
read what pleases them, is to yield the
whole question of discipline in educa-
tion, and indeed of education itself.

Would it not please most children and
many youths to burn up every good
book, to close up the school-house, to
leave their minds undeveloped, and
to feast their bodily appetites on dainties
instead of healthful food? It is
the part of the educator to teach them
that to be pleased is not the end and
aim of life, but to be noble, good,
and loyal to virtue and to God.

To simply please a child is to ruin
it, soul and body. No parent, no
teacher, no Sunday-school has a right
to make its mere pleasure a supreme
end. More than this, he who does
so commits a crime. He is false to
his own obligations, to the child's in-
terests, to the just expectation of the
church, and to the Christ who looks
to the church not to injure but to
lead the child to His side to be folded
to His heart of love. O that our li-
braries were fully consecrated to this
blessed aim!

A DIRGE.

BY META L. B. THORNE.

O noble and true,
Thou art gone, ne'er returning!
Vain our cry, then wilt come
Nevermore at our call.
Yet we weep not for you
Though our hearts ache with yearning,
We can only be dumb
Under grief's sombre pall.

The wide earth is fair,
And the glad sun is shining,
Yet we see not the light,
Or the beauty and bloom.
Mid our grief and despair,
Mid our sorrow and pining,
We behold but the night
And the chill of the tomb.

Yet now o'er you hills
A bright star is dawning—
Hope's daystar divine,
That is fadeless and sure;
And my sad soul it thrills
With its promise of morning,
Heaven's morn, that will shine
Eternal, secure.

Then sleep, beloved friend,
Rest thou in sweet slumber!
We call thee no more
To this earth and its woes;
But oh, at life's end,
May we be of the number
Who meet on yon shore
Of blissful repose!

THEN AND NOW; OLD TIMES AND NEW.

BY E. E. E.

The "river gods," who in early days
controlled the politics and governed
the religion of our valley, would have
looked with amazement at the audacity
of our Methodist brethren, who should
dare to assemble under the very shadow
of the old Jonathan Edwards' church
to plan for aggressive denominational
work. In those days there was "one
faith, one Lord, one baptism," and with
haughty scorn they looked down upon
any sect that did not stand by the Con-
gregational polity.

But religious thought does advance,
and the tide of spiritual life will rush
forward into different channels; and the
day came when an assault was made
upon the stronghold of Northampton.
Commencing at the outposts, meetings
were held in the little hamlets of the
town. My godly grandfather, persuaded
by the weaker (?) sex, opened his kitchen
for an evening service to be conducted
by the heretics, and then boldly re-
treated to the parlor, closing the door
between them. Curiosity gained the
victory over conscience, and it was soon
observed that that door was ajar just a
little!

One Saturday, some fifty years ago,
a messenger rode through our streets on
horseback, announcing that there would
be preaching the next afternoon at five
o'clock on the cemetery green. Rev.
John Luckey, the preacher, was a Meth-
odist. All doors were closed to him.
Denominational lines, differences of be-
lief on minor doctrinal points, were in-
surmountable barriers, and therefore a
minister of God, of this despised sect,
must preach, if at all, in God's temple.

The next day, a large crowd, attract-
ed mainly by curiosity, assembled at the
appointed place. Just as the clock
struck the hour, when many began to
drive the whole affair a hoax, Mr. Luckey
drove up, ascended the "horse-block,"
and delivered a most impressive and
powerful discourse, which, as one who
was present informs us, is rarely ex-
celled by the best preachers of to-day.

Those days are forever passed. Un-
charitableness and prejudice have been
displaced by Christian union and fellow-
ship, and the coming to us of saintly
men and godly women this week for
Christian work is hailed with gladness
by our people, who anticipate a week
of spiritual uplifting. The record of
"official visitors" and members of the

Conference indicate meetings of strength
and power.

Northampton, Mass.

GOLDEN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

(The following poem, written by REV. V. A. COOPER, was presented to Mr. Joseph Eversden, of Chelsea, on the 50th anniversary of his connection with the M. E. Church.)

For fifty years with staff and scrip,
Along the devious path of life,
A pilgrim kept his steady way,
Through all the danger and the strife.

Along the babbling brook of youth,
O'er flowery plains of manhood's prime;
Up rugged steep, through valleys dark,
He kept the steady march of time.

He went as Jacob did of old
His Rachel; bowed beneath the stroke;
And richer grew the soul's deep soil,
When from the storm the sunshine broke.

The budding hopes of life were plucked
As flowers from off the parent stem;
Stars from the glory of his life,
To glitter in Christ's diadem.

Still onward wound the pilgrim way,
From want and solitude, and tears,
To home of wealth and fireside cheer—
This pilgrim man of fifty years.

He reached a mountain's lofty height,
And calmly viewed the landscape o'er;
His fellow pilgrims gathered near,
As children round an open door.

AND THUS THE OLD MAN SPOKE:
"Tis fifty years ago to-night,
Since I, a wandering boy,
Without a home, a friend to cheer,
Found Christ my strength and joy."

He took the wanderer by the hand;
We started on that night,
To make our pilgrim journey reach
The land of love and light.

"It did not seem so far away,
And oftentimes very near,
And now I scarcely realize
I've traveled fifty years."

"O'er all the landscape of the past,
Through which my Guide has led,
The shadows deepen as I gaze,
The brightness is ahead."

"The sunrise is obscured in gloom;
There's glory in the west,
For golden sheaves are waving
For the harvest of the blest."

"I see a narrow stream near by,
And fair plains stretch away;
Immortal beauty bathes the scene
In one unclouded day."

"A city's glittering towers uprise
Above a sea of glass,
And the glory of the Godhead
Clothes the people as they pass."

"O many-mansioned home of God!
I know the conquering grace
Of my Guide's triumphant power,
Will bring me to that place."

"I lay aside my scrip and staff;
My soul mounts on the wing;
I catch the melody of songs,
Which restful pilgrims sing."

"I stand in awe, I bow in peace,
And patiently I wait
For my Guide to open wide to me
The portals of the gate."

MRS. ARCHER'S MISSION.

"Oh dear!" sighed Mrs. Archer
dolefully over her dainty crocheting.
"What's up now?" asked brother
Jack, looking up from his evening
paper.

"Why, nothing—only Miss Damon
has been here. She is going clear out
West on a sort of mission, you know,
and she is so full of work and plans
that it makes me feel so insignificant,
so utterly useless; and I don't want to
be useless, Jack. I used to think I
would like to go as a missionary. It
would make life worth living if one
could be the means of saving even one
poor soul. But there were Philip and
the children. And now they're gone,
there's you left. I do not see how I
can go."

Brother Jack furtively brushed away
two big tears that would come in
spite of him, muttered something about
having caught a sudden cold, and then,
a moment or two afterward, dropped
his paper, exclaiming briskly: "Why
not kill two birds with one stone—do
your missionary work, and take care of
me too?"

"But, Jack, you would not want to
go?"

"Oh, no; bless your heart, no; I'm
satisfied where I am; but it's my opin-
ion that if you are in earnest you can
find enough genuine missionary work
on this side of the globe as well as on
the other."

Mrs. Archer dropped her work, and
drew her low chair close beside her
brother's. "Please tell me what you
mean, Jack," she said wistfully. "I
am in earnest, I think."

"Well, I was thinking of one thing,
at the store, yesterday. There's young
Graham, one of the under clerks,
just in from the country. If I'm not
very much mistaken, he's going down
hill. Cheap boarding-houses are not
very pleasant places to spend long even-
ings in, and so he is drifting into bad
company—and away, too; he's no
friends in the city, you see. Denholm
is in the same situation. In fact, there's
half a dozen, at least; just in our store,
Nell, and I presume each one of them
knows another half dozen like himself
that is drifting down hill because no
one stretches out a kind, helpful hand,
and lends them a bit of a happy home
fireside to keep them pure and true."

"Would they come here, do you sup-
pose? Could I make it pleasant and
home-like for them, and so keep them
away from those places? O Jack, do
you think I could?"

"Well, well, little woman!" laughed
Jack, half at the deluge of questions, and
more than half in delight at the look of
earnest interest on his sister's wan, sad
face. "Yes; first, I think they need
an invitation; secondly, I know you
would make it pleasant and home-like;
and thirdly, I've no doubt it would save
them, for they are not bad yet; only
drifting that way, because it's the easi-
est way to drift, and they do not see the
danger."

There was a little stir the next day
when Mrs. Archer, in her deep mourn-
ing robes, came into the store. Some-
how no one quite knew how, but very easily
and naturally, she obtained an introduc-
tion to Graham. Just as easily and nat-
urally she found, in the five minutes'
conversation at his desk, that he was a
stranger in the city.

"Lonely?" "Yes, he was," he
frankly admitted. "Boarding-houses
weren't homes, by any means."

"Would he not come up and see her
some evening—say this very night—
and tell her about his home? She used
to live in just such a pleasant little vil-
lage. And would not Mr. Denholm like
to see Jack's new Western views? He
had some fine ones."

It was not much—perhaps hardly
any one would think of calling it mis-
sionary work. Just a fine pleasant
evening by a home fireside, and yet the
two invited guests, who received at the
close of the evening a cordial invitation
to come freely and bring any friends
they pleased, as to their own homes,
these two went forth with a strong
sense of purification, and better fitted
to meet life's temptations. There had
been nothing said, but the purity of the
home fireside had given them an uncon-
querable aversion to the baneful life
which frequented the city. And Helen
Archer had found her mission without
going to China or Japan.

"I'm lending a hand up," she thought.
"It's just as noble and grand here as it
would be there," thought Jack, look-
ing on.—*Christian Intelligencer*.

Our Girls.

AFTER THE CONCERT.

BY ALICE M. GUERNSEY.

It was Easter, and the girls in Miss
Ray's class had had a "star exercise"
in the Sunday-school concert. They
called it so because each wore a gilt
star on which was a letter; and these
letters, when the girls stood in line,
spelled the joyous Easter greeting,
"Christ is Risen." Mamie Waters gave
the first text: "I shall find rest for
my soul." Then Kate gave, "A man
is not justified by the works of the
law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ."
Tina Packard was the last—"Tiny
Tim," the girls called her, and said she
must wear the "T" for her name.
Tina had just learned what it means to
have Christ in the heart, and there was
a little tremble in the voice that was
yet so hopeful and cheery: "Till we all
come in the unity of the faith and of
the knowledge of the Son of God unto a
perfect man, unto the measure of the
stature of the fullness of Christ."

Then they said together, "That at
the name of Jesus every knee should
bow, of things in heaven, and things in
earth, and things under the earth. And
that every tongue should confess that
Jesus Christ is Lord." Miss Ray struck
the chord upon the piano, and the whole
school sang joyously,

"All hail the power of Jesus' name,
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all."

The rest of the class gave the Easter
verses about the resurrection, the risen
Lord, and the first-fruits, and then the
sweet girl voices sang,

"Christ the Lord is risen to-day,
Sons of men and angels say,
Raise your voices and triumph high,
Sing ye heavens, and earth reply."

When the concert was over, Miss Ray
called her class around her for a mo-
ment.

"Girls," she said, "I want you to
take the stars home and hang them in
your rooms where you can't help seeing
them. And I want each to take her Bi-
ble and find what her letter stands for—
see if there is any promise about it.
Here is Mamie's, for instance—'C.'—
'Charity.' 'Comfort.' 'Come,' and
ever so many more words which you
all can think of. Next Sunday we will
talk them over."

"R" was Minnie's letter, and "Re-
joice" came to her mind at once. As
soon as home was reached, she sat
down with her Bible to find the words
that were meant just for her. How
many there were! "Rejoice in the Lord
always; and again I say, Rejoice." "Re-
joicing in hope." "Rejoice with them
that do rejoice." "Rejoice in the Lord."
"Rejoice evermore."

It seemed as if all the earth should sing
one glad, happy tune; all through her
dreams that night rang the bright word,
and with her first morning thoughts
came the resolve to have a pleasant
week—to "rejoice" all the time.

How much easier it is to plan to be
good-natured all day in the quiet room
hush of our rooms than to be so when
we step over the threshold and
come face to face with plans which
somebody else has made! Monday was
washing-day at Mr. Lyon's, and Minnie
heavily disliked washing-day. So when
the odor of the boiling suds greeted her
as soon as she opened the door, she for-
got the "evermore" that Paul puts with
the "rejoice," and said right out loud,
"Oh, dear! I just hate washing-day!"

It spoils Sunday because you keep
thinking that Monday comes next."

But only the watching angel heard
the words, and the sunshine made the
dining-room so bright that the verses
came back to Minnie at once. She was
ashamed to have forgotten them so
quickly, and it was a bright, happy face
that smiled a response to mamma's
cheery "Good-morning."

"Did you ever know a day when
'everything went wrong?' I can't tell
why it was, but in spite of the sunshine,
little, patience-trying things came in a
crowd that particular Monday. It
seemed as if mamma never would stop
picking up clothes for the wash—bed-
spreads and blankets that needed the
spring cleaning, curtains from up-stairs,
a pair of pants. 'Why must every-
thing be done in one day? I believe
mother will wash the paper-rags before
she gets through!' Then came a high
wind, and some of the clean clothes
were blown down into the dirt, and had
to be rinsed and hung again. Baby
would certainly have been fractious, if
there had been a baby, as there is in
most stories. But the washing and
cleaning lasted so long, that Minnie was

too tired to do anything else—tired,
and almost cross.

"I can't rejoice to-night, mamma,"
she said in their twilight talk. "I be-
lieve 'R' stands for 'wrath'—the
words of Jesus Christ show that you
are mistaken."

"Suppose you try *Rest* for your let-
ter, Minnie?" suggested mamma.
"Come unto Me, and I will give you
rest." "Ye shall find rest for your
souls." "Rest in the Lord and wait pa-
tiently for Him."

It would take too long to tell you of
the other days of that week. The
"rest" of Monday night was a help all
around, but other words and texts came.
One morning she found, "The rock of
my strength and my refuge is in God;"
and the Scripture lesson was the 46th
Psalm: "God is our refuge and strength."

A neighbor's talk about farming
brought her the promise, "He that
soweth, shall also reap." The prayer
to be kept from wandering was an-
swered by the thought, "He shall never
suffer the righteous to be moved."

"Redeemed," "Ransomed," "Reward"
—the star-letter had many meanings
before the week was over. Saturday
night she turned to her hymnal, and
found all her words set to music there:

"Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice."
"Come unto Me all ye who droop in sadness,
Come unto Me, and I will give you rest;"
"Rock of ages cleft for me;"
"Other refuge have I none;"
and that grand old chorale,
"The year of jubilee is come,
Return, ye ransomed sinners, home."

The Little Folks.

FIVE LITTLE CHICKENS.

Said the first little chicken
"With a queer little squirm,
"O, I wish I could find
A fat little worm!"

Said the next little chicken
"With an odd little shrug,
"O, I wish I could find
A fat little bug!"

Said the third little chicken
"With a sharp little equal,
"O, I wish I could find
Some nice yellow meal!"

Said the fourth little chicken
"With a small sigh of grief,
"I wish I could find
A green little leaf!"

Said the fifth little chicken
"With a faint little moan,
"O, I wish I could find
A wee green stone!"

"Now, here," said the mother,
"From the ground and the old stone patch,
If you want any breakfast
You just come and scratch!"
—*American Kindergarten Magazine*.

THE MILL TO THE STREAM.

"I notice," said the stream to the
mill, "that you grind beans as well and
as cheerfully as fine wheat."

"Certainly," cracked the mill; "what
am I for but to grind? And so long as
I work, what does it signify to me what
the work is? My business is to serve
my master, and I am not a whit more
useful when I turn out fine flour than
when I make the coarsest meal. My
honor is not in doing fine work, but in
performing any that comes as well as I
can."

That is just what boys and girls ought
to do—do whatever comes in their way
as well as possible, and those who act
so are sure to get along nicely.

ABOUT BUTTONS.

"Button, button, who's got the but-
ton?" is a game that every girl and boy
knows about. But who makes the but-
ton, and how it is done, are different
questions, and just as interesting. Glass
buttons are mostly made in Bohemia,
and by children, who work as fast and
well as the older ones, and get ten cents
a day. Pearl buttons are made almost
entirely in Vienna, and shirt buttons in
England. But Paris does the greatest
business of all, in making the agate but-
tons, which come in so many and so
pretty styles. From five to six thou-
sand people in one district in Paris get
their living at this work. In this coun-
try they make bone, brass, ivory, and
composition buttons, and the Americans
make them so much better and cheaper
than anybody else that they are sold in
all parts of the world. Buttons are
little things, but how ever should we
get on without them?—*Examiner and
Chronicle*.

EMMA'S AMBITION.

"O mamma!" she said, looking up
with flushed face; "there is just the
loveliest story in here! It is about a
little girl who was only ten years old,
and her mother went away to see a sick
sister and was gone for a whole week;
and this little girl made tea and toast,
and baked potatoes, and washed the
dishes, and did every single thing for
her father; kept house, you know, mam-
ma. Now, I'm ten years old, and I
could keep house for papa. I wish
you would go to Aunt Nellie's and stay
a whole month, and let me keep house.
I know how to make toast, mamma,
just splendidly! and custard; and Hat-
tie said she would teach me how to
make ginger-cake some day. Won't
you please to go, mamma?"

"I don't think I could be coaxed to
do it," said Mrs. Eastman. "The mother
of that little girl in the book, proba-
bly, knew that she could trust her little
daughter; but I should expect you to
leave the bread while I was toasting
and fly to the gate if you heard a sound
that interested you; and I should ex-
pect the potatoes to burn in the oven
while you played in the sand at the door.
I couldn't trust you in the least."

"Mamma!" said Emma, with sur-
prise and indignation in her voice.
"What makes you say that? You have
never tried me at all. Why do you think
I wouldn't do as well as a girl in a
book?"

"Haven't I tried you, dear? Do you
know it is just three-quarters of an
hour since I sent you to dust the sitting-
room, and put everything in nice order
for me? Now look at those books tumbled
upside down on the floor, and those
papers blowing about the room, and the
duster on the chair, and your toes on
the table; while my little girl reads a
story about another little girl who
helped her mother!"

"O, well," said Emma, her cheeks
very red, "that is different; nothing
but this odd room to dust. If I had
something real grand to do, like keep-
ing house for papa, I wouldn't stop to
play, or to read, or anything."

"Emma, dear, perhaps you will be
surprised to hear me say so, but the
words of Jesus Christ show that you
are mistaken."

"Mamma!" said Emma again, and
her voice showed that she was very
much surprised.

"They certainly do—listen: 'He
that is faithful in that which is least is
faithful also in much; and he that is un-
just in the least is unjust also in much.'
And once he said to a man, 'Well done,
good and faithful servant; thou hast
been faithful over a few things, I will
make thee ruler over many things.'
Can I say that to you this morning?"
—*Penny*.

Shortly after the children of Cam-
bridge had presented Mr. Longfellow
with the chair made from the wood of
the village blacksmith's chestnut tree,
he wrote the following letter to our
correspondent, Mr. George B. Griffith,
of East Lempster, N. H., whose grace-
ful lines on the first page of this issue
will be read with interest:—

Cambridge, March 18, 1879.

(Continued from page 1.)

his family and relatives. E. N. married the daughter of a wealthy lawyer, who has died, leaving him a vast fortune. E. W. Stoughton's estate, gathered from the same source as Clarkson Potter's, left a fortune of over a million dollars.

So long as young men are attracted by the tinsel and show of this wicked world, so long will secularism triumph; and I do not know that the church is the loser, after all. Young men are wanted with pure hearts and clean hands for the work of the holy ministry, and these in the providence of God will never be wanting in His church.

The case of Cornelius Vanderbilt in a suicide's grave will make men halt and question whether the millions of wealth will purchase even the boon of a natural death. If these are accidents, then the philosophy of experience is not correctly deduced. Cornelius Vanderbilt longed for riches, but when he came, he was too much of a physical and social wreck to enjoy them. A failure at college, a failure in business, his life at its best was fifteen years ago when he married a bright, sensible girl at Hartford, and went to live on the old Woodbridge place, just outside the city, which his father purchased for them and fitted up handsomely. Ten years ago his wife died, and his history since that time has become a matter of personal record. If all is not vanity under the sun, then the troubles of this fabulously wealthy family can teach no lesson.

MANHATTAN.

April 10, 1882.

THE WEEK.

DAILY RECORD OF LEADING EVENTS.

Tuesday, April 11.

A revolution has broken out in northern Italy.

Work has been resumed in the Central Pacific Mills, Lawrence.

The deficit of George E. Lane, the defaulting treasurer of Rockingham County (N. H.), has been made good, and he has been released from arrest.

Judge E. R. Porter, of the Rhode Island Supreme bench, is dead.

Judge Wylie has overruled the motion to quash the indictments in the Star-route cases, and the trial will proceed.

Mr. Parnell has been released from prison on parole for one week in order to visit a sister in Paris whose child has just died.

In the Senate yesterday the bill to repeal all laws, except in certain cases, providing for permanent or indefinite appropriations, was passed. There were 133 bills and resolutions introduced in the House. Among them was one to repeal the iron-clad act so far as members of Congress are concerned. The bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for the reclamation of the harbors of Washington and Georgetown was debated, but no action was reached.

Wednesday, April 12.

Mrs. Ida Smith, of the late Horace Greeley, died at Chappaqua, N. Y., yesterday, of diphtheria.

The French government will send eight different expeditions to take observations of the transit of Venus on the 6th of next December.

Thursday, May 4, has been assigned for the trial of the Star-route cases.

The Senate yesterday passed the bill restoring Captain Corbin of the navy to the active list. The Indian Territory railroad bill, granting the right of way to the St. Louis and San Francisco Company, was discussed at length.

In executive session Sterling P. Round was confirmed as public printer. In the House the Post-office Appropriation bill was considered in committee of the whole. The amendment restoring the franking privilege was rejected, and the bill will now go to a conference committee of the two Houses. The debate on the Tariff Commission bill was resumed.

Thursday, April 13.

The nominations of William E. Chandler as Secretary of the Navy and William H. Hunt as minister to Russia have been confirmed.

The miners of the Clearfield region in Pennsylvania, to the number of 2,000 or 3,000, threaten to strike.

Five thousand Jews were recently expelled from Moscow and seven hundred persons have been arrested in Odessa during the past few days.

John F. Slater, esq., of Norwich, Conn., has placed in the control of trustees one million dollars, the income of which will be used to educate the colored people.

The Senate further discussed the Indian Territory railroad bill, but no definite action was taken. The House non-concurred in all of the Senate amendments to the Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation bill, with one exception, and also in the amendments to the Fortification Appropriation bill. The Tariff Commission bill was further discussed.

Friday, April 14.

Upwards of 500 "suspects" are still confined in Irish prisons.

Captain H. W. Howgate escaped from the custody of an officer while visiting his family in Washington yesterday.

A terrific hurricane has devastated the vicinity of Morgan City, La., obliterating whole settlements and causing considerable loss of life.

Jewelry valued at \$100,000, belonging to the royal family of Brazil, has been stolen.

The Connecticut Legislature has passed a new and stringent bill for restraining the liquor traffic.

The Senate passed the Indian Territory railroad bill. The House is still discussing the Tariff Commission bill.

Saturday, April 15.

The First National Bank of Buffalo has suspended payment.

A verdict of \$10,000 damages has been rendered against Bishop Hare in New York for libeling Rev. Sam. D. Hinman.

There have been 122 business failures throughout the country in the last seven days.

Baron Jomini has been appointed Russian Secretary of State.

Twelve thousand Jews are about to emigrate from Russia to America.

A petition from the New York Board of Trade was received in the Senate yesterday protesting against the passage of any law prohibiting Chinese immigration. The Senate passed sixty pension bills. The House was occupied with bills on the private calendar.

Monday, April 17.

The house of A. T. Stewart & Co. will retire from business.

Mr. Blaine desires to be heard in the Ship-herd investigation.

President Arthur has notified Fitzjohn Porter that he cannot relieve him from the sentence of the court martial.

From three to four thousand tons of potatoes are exported weekly from Scotland to this country.

There was a remarkable auroral display last night all over the country.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Sandwich.—The Methodists of Sandwich have just accomplished another good work. They have built a new society house on their lot at the Wells camp-ground, costing \$500, all paid for. The young converts at this place are doing well.

Gilmanton.—The Lord is pouring out His Spirit upon us here, under the labors of Bro. Folger of the Y. M. C. A. About forty have manifested a desire to be Christians. There have been some hopeful conversions—some of the best young men in the village. Fathers and mothers are seeking the Lord.

The spring term of the N. H. Conference Seminary recently opened with an unusually large attendance. Every room in the boarding-house is occupied.

Eight persons were baptized at the M. E. Church in Claremont, Sunday, April 2.

The "Scaries' Will Case," in which the Seminary at Tilton and certain of our benevolent societies are interested, remains unsettled. In the recent trial in Grafton County, the jury were not able to agree.

The year closes with the M. E. Church at Portsmouth with an excellent financial showing. All bills for the year are paid, and everything is favorable for another year's work. The pastor, Rev. W. W. Smith, continues in feeble health.

The brethren of the Conference will wish to hear Dr. Fowler, and to do so they must be on hand at Lawrence, Tuesday evening, the 18th. We see a meeting of the Seminary trustees has been called for the same time.

Rev. J. M. Durrell is closing a very successful pastorate at Rochester. There have been numerous conversions and additions to the church in the three years, and he leaves the society in most excellent condition every way. On Sunday evening, April 2, and the following Tuesday evening, penitents were at the altar. Mr. Durrell's purpose is to take no appointment another year, but to spend the year in visiting Palestine for the second time—this time accompanied by Mrs. Durrell. If any persons are intending to visit the Holy Land and wish a most genial companion, they would do well to consult with Mr. Durrell. We wish him a most pleasant and profitable trip, and a safe return. H.

RHODE ISLAND.

Newport has just lost an honored and distinguished citizen in the death of David King, M. D. He lived to a good old age and filled his days with usefulness. In his will he bequeathed \$1,000 to the Newport Artillery, of which his son was a member, and who was mortally wounded at the battle of Bull Run. He also gave \$2,000 to the Redwood library, and \$2,000 to the Rhode Island Historical Society.

Rev. G. W. Anderson, of Providence, and Rev. D. A. Jordan, of Warren, have recently lectured on temperance to crowded houses in Bristol, which fact is a high compliment to the speakers and auditors as well.

Rev. J. B. Hamilton, of Westerly, addressed a large audience on the temperance question, taking for his subject "Official Integrity," on Sunday evening, April 2.

The session of the New England Southern Conference has just closed, and its members have entered upon the great and responsible duties of another ecclesiastical year. This was Bishop Merrill's first official visit to our Conference and State. His sermon on the Sabbath, his address to the class received into full connection in the Conference, other public addresses and administration in general, were very satisfactory to the Conference and highly creditable to himself. The services on the Sabbath were held in Music Hall, which was crowded to its utmost capacity at each service. All things combined to make the entire services of the day of great interest and profit. Not many changes take place in the pastorate of this State—two in Providence, and five or six outside of the city. The churches and preachers are very generally satisfied with the appointments, and we expect that this will be one of the best years in the history of the M. E. Church of Rhode Island. New churches are being built and old ones are undergoing repairs, and there is a prevalent belief that there will be a corresponding spiritual advance all along the line. If that shall not be the case, the blame will rest upon us, for God is both able and willing to help.

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The well-known firm of A. Shuman & Co., at 440 Washington street in this city, advertise in another column one of their specialties—the stylish and tasteful "Creedmore Suit" for boys, and tasteful "Creedmore Suit" for girls, than which nothing finer or better adapted to its purposes has been produced by any firm. Be sure to call for it before going elsewhere, and don't forget to look at the charming rural scene in the window of the firm as you enter.

JOHN H. PRAY, SONS & CO. buy their straw matting by the cargo. They are one of the largest matting dealers in the United States.

WASHINGTON, N. J., APRIL 11, 1882. HON. DANIEL F. BEATTY, the Piano and Organ Manufacturer, was re-elected Mayor, yesterday, for the fourth time, by a handsome majority. It is a great compliment, as three years is considered a full term, and he was the only man elected on the ticket.

THE AMERICAN SWEDENBORG PRINTING AND PUBLISHING SOCIETY, No. 20 Cooper Union, New York, offer to all Clergymen a full set of 19 volumes of Swedenborg's Theological Works, boxed for shipment, for \$7.50; omitting those previously given, \$6.00.

REMARKABLE CURE OF CANCER.—MR. EDITOR: I had a cancer of the breast involving the glands under the arm, and seriously affecting my general health. My case being examined at the hospital was pronounced incurable, they telling me that nothing could be done except to alleviate the pain by opiates. I applied to Dr. R. Greene, of 34 Temple Place, Boston, who gave me remedies to restore my general health, and afterwards successfully cured the cancer. I am now in better health than for some time past.

Mrs. ELIZA A. NUDD. [Mrs. Nudd is a sister of the late Daniel Chamberlain of the Adams House, and lives in Wolboro, N. H. She is at present stopping with Mr. C. H. Nudd, 91 Thorndike Street, East Cambridge, Mass.]—Boston Journal.

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Church Register.

HERALD CALENDAR.

Meeting for the Promotion of Holiness in Wesleyan Hall, each Monday, at 2:30 p. m.

CONFERENCE. PLACE. TIME. BISHOP, N. Hampshire, Lawrence, Mass., April 19, 1882. Lowell, Vt., " 20, Merrill. Maine, Augusta, Me., " 26, Foss. East Maine, Waldoboro, Me., May 3, Foss.

POST-OFFICE ADDRESSES.

Rev. S. L. Baldwin, No. 861 Broad Street, Newark, N. J.

Rev. J. Livesey, Fall River, Mass., Box 205.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

NEW BEDFORD DISTRICT—FIRST QUARTER. [In part.]

APRIL. Plymouth, 25. E. Bridgewater, 25. E. Bridgewater, 25. E. Bridgewater, 25.

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